

General Information and Looming Deadlines

MATS, Mason's House for Assessment Information

MATS is the Mason Assessment Tracking System, the university's central collection space for assessment information, which is run by Mason's Office of Institutional Assessment (OIA). This spring is the start of the three-year reporting cycle in MATS. CEHD is expected to provide information for all of CEHD's degree programs and certificates. API has sent the second request to all divisions to review draft curriculum maps and to indicate for which outcome the program plans to submit data for this AY (Cycle 1 in MAT's language). Please note that the curriculum maps apply only to degree programs, not to certificates. **The revised curriculum maps and identified outcome are due June 1 to Adrienne.**

NCATE Accreditation

Steve White, Libby Hall, and Adrienne Sullivan have spoken with NCATE representatives Deb Eldridge and Yi Huang about CEHD's upcoming focused visit. The visit will take place in fall 2013 (exact date TBD) and CEHD must submit a report approximately 60 days in advance of the visit. The visit will focus solely on CEHD's unmet standard, Standard 2 (Assessment System and Unit Evaluation), in its entirety and on the four Standard 2 AFI's (Areas for Improvement) that CEHD received. More information on this will follow...

NCATE Action Planning Workshops Scheduled for GSE Program Coordinators/Professors in Charge

As mentioned at the Thursday, May 17, and Tuesday, May 22 coordinator meetings, a workshop on the Calendar-Year review of assessments, and a workshop on establishing reliability and validity of assessments, have been arranged. To provide options, each workshop will be offered twice.

Calendar Year Review Workshop Options, Thompson Hall 2007

Tuesday, June 12, 9:30am-11:30am **OR** Wednesday, June 13, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Data Reliability and Validity Workshop Options, Thompson Hall 2004

Tuesday, July 10, 10:00am-12:00pm **OR** Wednesday, July 11, 1:00pm-3:00pm

GSE Program Coordinators/Professors in Charge need to select one time for each workshop and RSVP to Adrienne (asulli11@gmu.edu). If you cannot attend, please email Steve White at cwhite1@gmu.edu.

Unit Wide Assessment Task Forces to be Formed

Also mentioned at the meetings was the need to create specific task forces to help the college move forward with consistent and systematic data collection and assessment. There will be a task force formed this summer for each of the following subjects:

- Assessment of Dispositions
- Graduate/Employer Surveys
- Annual Planning/Decision-Making Cycle

API is working on creating these task forces and will be contacting individuals to participate. We greatly appreciate, in advance, your enthusiasm, thoughts, experiences, and creativity in this process.

Using TaskStream to Collect Assessment Data

For programs that use TaskStream, all assessment data for spring 2012 should have been entered into TaskStream by May 18, 2012. Emily Gibson will be running reports based on the spring 2012 assessment data. Programs do not have to submit anything to API based on this information, however, programs are strongly encouraged to review this data, discuss it with program faculty and to document any decisions or program changes based on these reports.

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The website for the Accreditation and Program Improvement office is now live! The hope of the API office website is that it will serve as a useful resource to you – feel free to browse and explore. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Adrienne Sullivan at asulli11@gmu.edu.

Confused? Interested? Curious? In any case, please contact Adrienne Sullivan at asulli11@gmu.edu.

